

NUMBER OCM-  
04

## PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

For Calendar Year: 2005

New X

Previous Year (below line/defer) \_\_\_\_\_

Issue: Explore the City's Role in supporting Universal Preschool

Lead Department: OCM

General Plan Element or Sub-Element: Socio-Economic

### 1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

Universal Preschool is a concept that provides free, voluntary preschool for all children ages 3-4 in California. The California Legislature is currently considering legislation that would phase in voluntary preschool state-wide over the next ten years. In addition, First Five Santa Clara County, the agency that administers Proposition 10 funds (tobacco tax funds) County-wide, has allocated \$50 million to begin piloting universal preschool in Santa Clara County.

The Child Care Advisory Board believes that Universal Preschool will have a significant impact on Sunnyvale child care centers, family child care providers and local colleges and universities (universal preschool teachers must meet minimum education requirements) as a large number of families may wish to access Universal Preschool This study would:

- Explore how and if the City can support the concept of Universal Preschool (e.g., through raising public awareness about the importance of quality early education, how to access Universal Preschool, etc.)
- Explore the role of the City in collaborating with local colleges and universities to train Universal Preschool teachers
- Explore how the City can work with First Five Santa Clara County to support Universal Preschool in Sunnyvale
- Conduct research on what other cities in the State of California are doing to support Universal Preschool

The outcome of this study is to make a recommendation on the most appropriate role for the City in supporting Universal Preschool.

### 2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

5.1H.1 Support efforts to increase the availability, quality and accessibility of child care in north Santa Clara County.

3. Origin of issue:

Council Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

General Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

City Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Commission (identify name of the advisory body from the list below): Child Care Advisory Board  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Arts, Building of Code Appeals, BPAC, Child Care, Heritage, Housing and Human Services, Library, Parks and Recreation, Personnel and Planning)

Board or Commission ranked this study issue \_\_\_\_1\_\_ of \_\_\_\_1\_\_

Board or Commission ranking comments:

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_X\_ Expected Year Completed 2005  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue (use 5 or 8-hour increments):

(a) Estimated work hours from the lead department \_\_\_\_\_ 150

(b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s) if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office: \_\_\_\_\_ 5

(d) Estimated work hours from Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Estimated work hours from other department(s):

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Estimated Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ 155

6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

(a) Does Council need to approve a work plan? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_X\_\_

(b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? If so, please list below: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
X

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(c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated? Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_X

(d) What is the public participation process?

Public hearing at CCAB and City Council meetings.

7. Cost of Study: Please mark appropriate item below.

X Costs covered in operating budget – Child Care Resources

\_\_\_ Costs covered by project - <name>

\_\_\_ Budget modification needed for study - <\$ Amount>

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for:

8. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council, if any: Will be determined by the Study Issue

Mark a range for the items below:	\$500 or none	\$50K or less	\$51K - \$100K	\$101K - \$500K	\$501K or more
Capital expenditure range					
Operating expenditure range					
New revenues/savings range					
Explain impact briefly:					

9. Staff Recommendation for this calendar year:

“For” Study \_\_\_ Explain:

“Against” Study \_\_\_ Explain. If staff suggests that this study should not be considered again in the future or deferred at this time, please include this in your explanation:

No Recommendation \_\_\_X

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*Note: If staff's recommendation is "for study" or "against study", the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.*

**Reviewed by**

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**NCR / IGR Manager**

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**Date**

**Approved by**

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**City Manager**

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**Date**